

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 5-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 6 is amended. Support for the amendment to the claim may be found, for example, in the claims as originally filed and the specification. No new matter is added.

The Patent Office issued a Notice of Allowability on April 19, 2011 with a supplemental Examiner's Amendment. However, the supplemental Examiner's Amendment erroneously made an amendment to claim 9 when the amendment should have been made to claim 6. Applicants' Representative telephoned the Examiner on April 19, 2011 and requested that a second supplemental Examiner's Amendment be issued correctly stating that the amendment in the April 19, 2011 Examiner's Amendment should have been directed to claim 6, not claim 9. Despite assurances by the Patent Office that the issue would be corrected, and repeated telephone calls to the Examiner, a second supplemental Examiner's Amendment was never issued.

As discussed above, the Examiner's Amendment issued on April 19, 2011 does not coincide with the language of claim 9 and, thus, the claim amendments in the April 19, 2011 Examiner's Amendment are not reflected above. Rather, the above claims amend claim 6 the way that the April 19, 2011 Examiner's Amendment instructs claim 9 to be amended.

Entry of these amendments is proper under Rule 312 because the amendments do not require further search and/or consideration by the Examiner, do not affect the scope of the claims, and are made merely to correct Patent Office error. A Notice of Allowance for this application was mailed on March 18, 2011, and the Issue Fee is being paid with this filing.

Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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